

The American people can't afford Democrats' radical agenda of fewer police officers on the streets, fewer criminals behind bars, more victims of violent crime.

Our police officers can't afford it either. Last year, more officers were murdered in the line of duty during President Biden's first year in office than at any point since 1995.

Mr. Speaker, let me say that again. Last year, more officers were murdered in the line of duty during President Biden's first year in office than at any point since 1995.

One of those officers was Kern County Sheriff's Office Deputy Phillip Campas. He was a rising star who was killed in the line of duty last year after his SWAT team responded to a domestic violence call. He leaves behind a wife and a young family.

He grew up in my hometown, and he went to the exact same elementary school and junior high that I did. Campas was a bright example of what it means to serve others. Fittingly, this year, his name was added to the Roll Call of Heroes on the National Peace Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C.

To Deputy Campas' children, we cannot begin to imagine your sadness and pain, but I want you to know this: Your father was a hero. We will never forget him.

Mr. Speaker, the solution to safer communities is the exact opposite of Democrats' radical agenda. This crime crisis deserves serious leadership, and it starts with stepping up and supporting law enforcement.

Our brave officers face enormous challenges, yet they choose to wear the uniform every day. It is not enough to fully fund them. They must know we have their backs.

So, as National Police Week begins, I want to say something our law enforcement officers don't hear enough: Thank you. Thank you for protecting our communities. Thank you for protecting our children. Thank you for protecting our country.

While radical Democrats want to defund, demonize, and abolish the police, Republicans salute you, and we will always support you.

RANGERS LEAD THE WAY

(Mr. CROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, as a former Army Ranger, I rise today in support of S. 1872, a bill to award United States Army Rangers veterans of World War II a Congressional Gold Medal.

In World War II, the U.S. Army formed six all-volunteer Ranger battalions and one provisional battalion. Some of the most important battles of the war relied on their skill, sacrifice, and unending courage.

They fought throughout Europe, including D-day landings at Omaha

Beach, and liberated 500 prisoners from a Japanese POW camp in the Philippines known as the Great Raid.

Of the 7,000 Rangers who served in World War II, only 15 are alive today. They live across our Nation, on each coast and in the heartland.

As an Army Ranger who followed in their immense footsteps, I thank them for their service, sacrifice, and example.

I also thank Senator ERNST for her partnership on this bill, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting its passage when it comes to a vote today. "Rangers Lead the Way."

HONORING NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL WEEK

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Charter School Week, I am here to talk about the importance of school choice.

Families should be empowered to find the best learning environments for their children instead of being forced into failing public schools that may not meet their child's needs.

Piedmont Community Charter School, located in Gaston County, North Carolina, is an amazing example of a school that puts students first. This school isn't afraid to hold its students to a high standard or to provide a challenging curriculum.

Schools like Piedmont should inspire us all to renew and strengthen our support for education freedom. Instead of trapping children in a race to the bottom, charter schools like Piedmont are pushing students to the top. More options mean more successful students.

Happy National Charter School Week.

ENVISIONING A POST-ROE COUNTRY

(Ms. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the horrifying reality is that, in a matter of weeks, we could live in a post-Roe country, a country where women no longer have the fundamental right to make decisions about their own bodies; a country where women no longer have control over when and how to start a family; a country where women will suddenly face government interference in their personal lives, their privacy, and their freedom.

Overtaking Roe will not eliminate the need for abortion; it will simply eliminate access to safe, legal abortion care. And it will take the worst toll on poor women, women of color, and others who already face countless barriers to healthcare.

Decisions about a woman's body are deeply personal. They should not be controlled by politicians. Every person,

no matter where they live, how much money they make, or what they look like, deserves the right to make their own decisions about their health, life, and future.

RECOGNIZING F.O. BARDEN & SON LUMBER'S CENTENNIAL MILESTONE

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize 100 years of stellar performance of an exemplary company in Michigan's First District, F.O. Barden & Son Lumber.

Since its founding in 1922 by Frank Barden, the company has become a vital component in helping Boyne City and northern Michigan grow and adapt to needs in all aspects of daily life.

This centennial milestone represents the years of service that Barden Lumber has dedicated to contributing to the economic well-being of the area and the lives of countless residents.

In reflecting on the company's 100-year history, it is clear that they have continually chosen to not only make decisions for the good of the company in the wake of a changing marketplace, but they have also proven capable of looking beyond the balance sheet to include the ideas and the ideals of its people and community.

Even as our cyclical Michigan economy has presented obstacles to its growth, F.O. Barden & Son Lumber has sustained itself through dedication and innovation.

We are grateful for the company's contributions to Boyne City and to all of Michigan. Thank you, F.O. Barden & Son.

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FAREWELL TO CONGRESS

(Mr. REED asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, after almost 12 years in Congress, today is my last day. It has been an honor to serve with you all from both parties. I love this institution as it still exemplifies what is best about our government. We are the people's House. While I am proud that we put people before politics, there is much more to do. I am leaving to continue that work and hope to have a greater impact on our country.

I believe the current focus on extremism demands us to heed the words Abraham Lincoln uttered years ago as we face a similar threat to our existence today—a house divided cannot stand. But I add—a house united will not fail. It is time for petty political posturing to end. Leadership must emerge and in God I trust. His divine protection will extend again if only we acknowledge and accept His love and the divine spark that exists in each of us as citizens of our great Nation.